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## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO.

TRANSFERRING THE OFFICE OF  
STRATEGIC SERVICES TO THE  
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE  
PRESIDENT AND DEFINING  
ITS FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES

By virtue of the authority vested in me  
by the Constitution and the statutes of the  
United States, including the First War Powers  
Act, 1941, as President of the United States  
and as Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy,  
it is hereby ordered as follows:

1. The Office of Strategic Services, es-  
tablished under the jurisdiction of the United  
States Joint Chiefs of Staff by Military Order  
dated June 13, 1942, is hereby transferred to the  
Executive Office of the President.

2. The Director of Strategic Services shall  
perform his functions and duties under the direc-  
tion and supervision of the President.

3. Subject to the direction and control of  
the President, and with any necessary advice and  
assistance from the other Departments and agencies  
of the Government, the Office of Strategic Services  
shall perform such functions and duties with respect  
to the collection and analysis of information, and  
shall perform such special services, as the Presi-  
dent from time to time may direct.

4. The Military Order of June 13, 1942, is  
hereby revoked.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

The White House

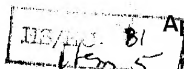
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DIRECTIVE to the Director of Strategic Services

Subject: Functions of the  
Office of Strategic Services

1. Pursuant to Paragraph 3 of Executive Order No. , dated , 1944, and in order to coordinate and centralize the policies and actions of the Government relating to intelligence, the Office of Strategic Services is hereby directed to perform the following functions and duties:

(a) All functions and duties authorized by J.C.S. 115/11/D, dated 27 October 1943;

(b) Coordination of the functions of all intelligence agencies of the Government, and the establishment of such policies and objectives as will assure the integration of national intelligence efforts;

(c) Final evaluation, synthesis and dissemination within the Government of the intelligence required to enable the Government to determine policies with respect to national planning and security in peace and war and the advancement of broad national policy;

(d) Collection directly and through existing Departments and agencies of the Government, of pertinent information, including military, economic, political and scientific, concerning the capabilities, intentions and activities of all foreign nations, with particular reference to the effect such matters may have upon the national security, policies and interests of the United States;

(e) Determination of policies for, and coordination of, facilities essential to the collection of information under subparagraph 1 (d) hereof;

(f) Subversive operations outside the continental limits of the United States;

(g) Procurement, training and supervision of its intelligence personnel;

(h) Direct liaison with secret intelligence agencies of foreign governments; and

(i) Such other functions and duties relative to intelligence as the President from time to time may direct.

2. The Office of Strategic Services shall have no police or law-enforcement functions, either at home or abroad.

3. Subject to Paragraph 1 hereof, existing intelligence agencies within the Government shall collect, evaluate, synthesize and disseminate departmental operating intelligence, herein defined as intelligence required by such agencies in the actual performance of their functions and duties.

4. All joint intelligence committees and joint intelligence agencies now operating under the authority of the Joint Chiefs of Staff or the War and Navy Departments are hereby dissolved. The functions, powers, duties, personnel and facilities of such committees and agencies are hereby transferred to the Office of Strategic Services.

5. In time of war or unlimited national emergency, all programs of the Office of Strategic Services in areas of actual or projected military

operations shall be coordinated with military plans and shall be subject to the approval of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Parts of such programs which are to be executed in a theater of military operations shall be subject to the control of the Theater Commander. With the foregoing limitations, all geographical restrictions imposed by J.C.S. 115/11/D, dated 27 October 1943, are hereby rescinded and the Office of Strategic Services shall operate in all areas of the world necessary in the performance of its functions and duties.

6. The Director shall be assigned, upon the approval of the President, such military and naval personnel as may be required in the performance of the functions and duties of the Office of Strategic Services.

7. The Director of Strategic Services shall deliver a certified copy of this directive to the Secretary of State, the Secretary of War, the Secretary of the Navy, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the heads of such other Departments and agencies of the Government as may be directly affected by the provisions hereof.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

The White House

, 1944

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**ABSTRACT**

The Executive Order transfers the Office of Strategic Services to the Executive Office of the President and command OSS to perform the duties of collection and analysis of information. The Directive to the Director of Strategic Services explains the functions and duties of OSS further. (Note per file action never implemented)

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